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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 5 and 6 to read as follows:

5. (amended) Orthotic apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the first section is sized and constructed to be connected to one of a leg and thigh and the second section is sized and constructed to be connected to the other of a leg and thigh.

6. (amended) Orthotic apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the first section is sized and constructed to be connected to one of a forearm and arm and the second section is sized and constructed to be connected to the other of a forearm and arm.

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